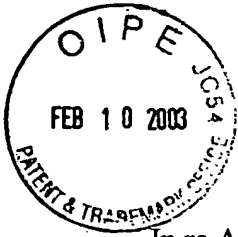


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: Group Art Unit: 2173
Application No.: 09/559,455)
: Filed: April 28, 2000)
: For: DATA PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS, DATA)
: PROCESSING METHOD,)
: AND STORAGE MEDIUM)
: STORING COMPUTER-)
: READABLE PROGRAM) February 3, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, the period for response having been extended one month from January 3, 2003 to February 3, 2003 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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